CITY ITEMS.

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATING POND .- A large number of work men have lately been employed in putting the finishing touches upon the Central Park Skating Pond, in order that Jack Frost might take possession of it at his earliest convenience. This Pond will occupy about twenty acres of the Park, and no labor or expense has been spared to render it a desirable place for skaters of both sexes to display their proficiency in that jully, icy amusement. Here ambitious urchins will find a more extended field for their slippery evolutions than the sidewalks and street gutters afford-here they will not be obliged to skate on one foot, pushing themselves along with the other, but may beldly strike out from the thigh and "sail in" with the full strength and muscles of both legs-here beautiful maidens, dying for a slide on the glassy ice, may turn up their frosty noses at the once coveted handsleds of their beaux, and with tiny skates strapped to their delicate extremities, spread their immensity of crinoline to the wintry breeze and skim away on their own individual responsibility. Anxious mamas need feel no alarm for the safety of their offspring while seeking amusement on the Skating Pond, for all the air holes will be guarded, and convenient policemen be in attendance, if need be to preserve order, and to render any assistance required. When the Winter carnival is fairly inaugurated, we expect, during the crisp moonlight evenings, to see crowds of skaters, male and female, performing their slippery gymnasti to the accompaniment of lively and popular music from a score or so of Dodworth's fellows. Only fancy -music and moonlight-lovers on skates-courting and crinoline-beauty and handsleds-popping the question on runners at a 2:40 gait-wintry breezes, and beautiful maidens burying their cold cheeks and frosted noses in a bairy overcoat with a man in it-gouty old bachelors run into and tipped over, with half a dozen skaters of the Young America school pitching over them and mixing themselves up in a jolly mass of pantaloons and petticoats! The Skating Pond cannot help presenting a jovial scene at any time, and must become the rage.

Yesterday the Pond was nearly ready for the reception of the water, and the superintendent intended: turn on the full head last night. It receives its supply from the Croton Reservoir, all the waste water being turned that way. In addition to this there are 24 hydrants placed at intervals around the Pond, and these will also be turned on. These hydrauts are erected more particularly for the purpose of flooding the whole ice-surface every night, which, freezing again, will present a smooth uncut skating field each morning. It will take about a week to fill the Pond properly, and when that is done, all that man can do to make a beautiful place for this pleasant and healthy amusement, will have been done-the rest remains to be completed by our near neighbor Jack Frost. Near the Observatory a tail must will be erected for the purpose of displaying a large, red ball, which can be seen from a long distance. This ball will be used to indicate the condition of the Skating Pond-when the ball is up and visible, the public are thereby notified that the ice is in a proper condition for skaring, and everybody is respectfully invited to come and indulge therein-when the bail is not to be seen, Young America may save itself a long walk, and disperse to congenial quarters, for it surely can't get any skate at the Central Park. In about a week, then, if the weather serves, we may look for a 20-acre Skating Pond, in a beautiful state of glassy slipperyness, at the upper end of the newly-fin ished promenade known as "The Terrace," and nearly surrounding "The Ramble" at the Central Park.

BREEMAN STREET AND THE PARK .- The public may have noticed the recent ravasion of the City Hall Park by the removal of the fences on either side, and the itting away of the trees on the proposed line of the Beekman street extension. But for the opposition of the Controllor, the work of grading and paving it would now be in progress. By way of proventing any misapprehension as to his position, Controller Haws, in virtue of his responsibility, as the legal cus todian of the property of the Corporation, has directed that the openings in the Park, thus made, should be again closed by the erection of a fence.

COSTLY MEDICAL SERVICES .- The Quarantine Commissioners have appointed Mr. Wm. H. Thomson an assistant physician to Dr. Harris, on board the Floating Hospital lying off Quarantine. The physicians' salaries now to be paid by the Commissioners of Emigration for the Quarantine Hespital amount to about \$12,500 per annum. There are at present five persons reported sick on board.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE STREET COMMISacts were awarded yesterday by the Street Commissioner:

Regulating, setting curb and gutter stones in Pifty-second rest, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, to William Saird afree, love time, twenty days, as \$1,720 time, twenty days, Regulating and grading wifty-third street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, awarded to the same contractor at \$1,500 62; time, twenty days.

The Rev. Dr. Dowling will deliver a lecture at the Bedford street Baptist Church, near Carmine street, on Monday evening next. His subject will be " Onward; or, Progress and Principle."

A meeting to raise means for the relief and support of the afflicted, bereaved, destitute families of Old Brown and his dend sons will be held at the Cooper Institute on Thursday evening next. RALFR WALDO EMERSON, WENDELL PHILLIPS, and the Rev. Dr. CHERVER will be among the speakers.

BROADWAY SALTED DOWN .- The stage proprietors yesterday salted Broadway, Grand street, and other localities, to melt the snow and ice. The consequence was that the streets were in a most disgusting state all

Mr. Derby, the proprietor of the Dusseldorf Collection, has it in contemplation to build several large fineart galleries in the neighborhood of Union square. One will be exclusively devoted to American paintings another to the pictures of the different foreign schools and a third to statuary, both native and foreign.

FIRE MATTERS .- Mr. James Wenman, Secretary of the Board of Engineers and Firemen, having resigned, that body has elected Mr. Chambers, of Hose Company No. 22, to the vacancy. The nomination of an Assistant Engineer, in place of Mr. Mawbey, resigned, was postponed util Monday even ng, Dec. 19, so that a candidate may be nom nated at the same time for Engineer of the new district to be formed at Yorkville. The Chief presented his report of the expenditures and re-ceipts of the last parade. There is a deficiency of \$511 20, to be raised in some manner, but how it is

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIA TION .- This body met in a social way on Thursday evening to entertain delegates from the various local Church Associations, and consider a proposition for their formal connection and cooperation with the General Association. The Vice-President, Mr. P. Harwood Vernon, presided, and welcomed the delegates.

After opening with devotional exercises, Mr. R. C. McCormick set forth the objects of the meeting. The proposition was well received by the gentlemen representing Church Associations. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, the Rev. Dr. Hague, the Hon. B. R. Manierre, and Mesers, Abbott, Heath, Clearman, Pierson, Riddle, and Balding; after which the gentlemen present partock of refreshments provided for the occasion. The rooms of the New-York Young Men's Christian Association are at Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway; and having been lately well fitted up, they presented on Thursday evening a most cheerful and pleasant appearance.

to represent the German Society at the next meeting of Benevolent Societies, to devise measures for the passage of a law against ticket swindling and frauds upon emigrants. Dr. Breuninghausen remarked that \$75,000 had been appropriated by the authorities for coal, to be distributed among destitute families, and he thought that a few of the poor Germans ought to have their share. He moved that a list should be prepared for this purpose. It was decided that the house and some real estate owned by the German Society in Canal street, which they intended to offer for sale, should not be sold at present, as it had been ascer tained by a Committee that the value of property in the vicinity is increasing.

RAILROAD Accidents .- Two and half miles this side of Palmer, during the storm of Wednesday evening, a man by the name of Casey, in the employ of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company, was instantly killed by being run over by the 3 o'clock express train from Boston. The body was horribly mutilated. Upon the train stopping, many of the passen gers got out, one of whom, Mr. Salom of Washingten street, Boston, had a narrow and almost miraculous escape from death. The facts, as he related them to us, are as follows: At the call "All aboard," a general rush was made to gain the cars, which were already in motion. At this moment, in attempting to step upon the car, Mr. Salom's foot slipped, and he fell violently forward, partly under the car. A pit was in the track just before him, and instead of trying to get upon the track again, with wonderful presence of mind, he quickly threw himself into it, and allowed the remaining cars to pass over him. The train passed on and he was left behind, no attempt being made to pick him up. A friend of Mr. Salom, Mr. Cruch, also of Boston sitting till then in the seat with him, noticed his absence at once, and, suspecting some accident, besought the conductor to return, which he refused to do. Mr. Salom took the morning train from Springfield for New-York, arriving here at 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, instead of 12 o'clock on Wednesday night. His overcont, which was left in the rack over his seat, and which contained a considerable sum of money (\$1,000). was found safe at Earle's Hotel, whither his friend had

HIGHWATMAN CAUGHT .- The wife of Mr. R. B. Roosevelt of this city, while out riding near Throgg's Neck, Westchester County, on the 6th of October last, was attacked by a highwayman, who struck her a violent blow on the head which knocked her senseless. Her borse taking fright ran away with her, and thus she escaped from the ruffian. The attack was probably made for the purpose of robbing Mrs. Roosevelt, but in this the highwayman was unsuccessful. On Thursday last a man named Charles Smith was arrested at Williamsbridge by Matsell, Bowyer & Co., who had been on his track for some time, and succeeded at length in bringing his crime home to him. When the sconndrel was brought up for examination, being confrented by Mrs. Roosevelt, that lady immediately and fally identified him as the highwayman who assaulted her; and on his examination he refused to answer any questions, by the advice of his counsel, and he was committed for trial in March next.

A COMMENDABLE YOUTH .- A boy, giving his name as Peter Owens, applied to Sergeant McElvey of the Twenty-sixth Precinct Police, yesterday afternoon, to find out the name of the officer who picked him up from the steps of Barnum's Museum during the Summer of last year, while he was destitute and sick, and conveyed him, with marks of kindness, to Bellavue Hospital. He said he had just arrived from St. Louis, in the employ of a drover, and that as he had now a little money he desired to reward the officer, if he could find him. At the time referred to, he had arrived from New-Orleans sick with fever, and had been deserted by his inther. Sergeant McElvey told him to go to Bellevue Hospital, where he could probably find the officer's name, together with his own recorded in the day-book. Owers is about fifteen years of age, and is of Irish parentage.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT .- A young man named Alfred Flostry, clerk for some time past in the commission office of his uncle, Ferdinand Flostry, at No. 101 Water street, was yesterday arrested and held to bail, at the City Hall Police Court, in the sum of \$500, charged with embezzlement. The uncle alleges that Alfred fails to account for \$437 of his money, and retains in his own name \$1,341 06 at the Seaman's Savings Bank, both sums being part of the proceeds of the business during his own absence in Europe, while the young man had been left in charge of affairs on a fixed salary.

TRINITY CHURCH AFFAIRS .- The Churchman of

Dec. 8 says:

"The vestry of Trinity Church have recently made certain transfers in the clerical staff of that parish, with the view of increasing its general efficiency. The Rev. Dr. Haight, the Senior Assistant at Trinity, is transferred from that position, and takes the place of the Transferred from that position, and takes the place of the Transferred from that position, and takes the place of the Transferred from that position, and takes the place of the Transferred from that position, and takes the place of the Transferred from that position and takes the place of the Transferred from that position and takes the place of the Transferred from that position are the Transferred from the Tra ferred from that position, and takes the place of the Rev. Dr. Vinton at St. Paul's. The smaller size of St. Paul's will enable Dr. Haight, whose constitution is not of the most robust character, to discharge his pulpit duties with less physical effort, and doubtless tend to the more speedy restoration of his health. Concurrently with this transfer, the Rev. Morgan Dix, recently elected Assistant Rector of the Parish, is raised to the class of Senior Assistant Minister, with the full salary stracked to that appointment, namely, \$3.500 per an class of Senior Assistant Minister, with the full salary attached to that appointment, namely, \$3,500 per annum, and an sillowance of \$1,200 per annum for house rent. The Rev. Dr. Vinton takes Dr. Haight's place at Trinity, and proposes to add certain features to its present routine that can scarcely fail materially to increase the interest of the services and add to the general efficiency of the old parent church. Among these will be the establishment of a parish school on a scale creditable to the position and opulence of the parish; a more comprehensive system of Sunday-school work; the sents to be made free, and a more frequent performance of the made free, and a more frequent performance of th choral service. In earrying out these various features, Dr. Vinton will find an able and faithful colleague in

The Proposed Salk of St. John's Park.—The Vestry of Trinity Church, who own the fee of St. John's Park, have recently determined not to offer it for sale. Ramors have frequently been published during the past few weeks, to the effect that the Park was about to be sold. Such has been and is the desire of the owners of property fronting thereupon, nearly all of whom were ready to give their assent to the sale. It is to be borne in mind that, although Trinity owns the fee, she cannot sell without the consent of two-thirds of those owning the fronting lots. In the Summer of last year, while Postmaster-General Brown was in this city, inspecting various localities with the view of selecting a site for a building to accommodate the City Post-Office, United States Court, and offices connected with the Federal Judiciary, he was favorably impressed with St. John's Park, believing that a spacious edifice, erected in the center of the grounds, would meet the public requirements, and combine eligibility and conveniences with architectural elegance. The vestry were not indisposed to take the proposition into consideration, but the unevpected decease of Gov. Brown terminated negotiations. Having in view the prosperous condition of St. John's Chapel, fix day-school and Sunday-school, the latter continuing upward of a thousand scholars, and fearing that the sale of the Park, and the uses that it would be appropriated to, would affect injuriously the spiritual wants of the neighborhood, the vestry came to the conclusion that they would not at present entertain any proposition for its disposal. The sale of the Park would have added two hundred thousand dollars of cash capital to the available resources of the parish. The property is at present estimated to be worth at least a million of dollars, and if sold at the latter sum would bring to the coffers of the parish one-third of that amount. (Churchman, that amount.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED BURGLAR.-Mr. James Mc-ARREST OF AN ALLEGED BURGLAR.—Mr. Jumes McCarty of No. 120 East Twenty-eighth threet, appeared before
Justice Breiman at the Tembs and preferred a complaint for
burglary engines John Dawson, an Irish laborer, 21 years of age,
who lives in the same house. It is charged that on Thurslay
night Dawson forced open a door leading to the complainant's
apartments and stole therefrom \$45 worth of clething. The
booty being secured, Dawson made off for one of the Albany steamers, his destination being Troy. Referre the boat left,
however, Mr. McCarty discovered the whereabouts of Dawson,
and arrested him with the stolen goods in this pressession. The
prisoner was passed to the custody of Officer O'Keefe of the
Second Precinct, and subsequently committed for trul. The
arrused asserts d that he had a claim upon the clothing taken by
him, but this Mr. McCarty denies.

THE GERMAS SOCIETY.—At the monthly meeting of the German Society it was stated that during the month of November 3,024 German immigrants had arrived in New-York. Five Delegates were appointed

ALLEGED THEFT.—Lake Wemessing Herbert Cramp John Van Deventer, No. 298 South Fifth street, was entered elected this country from London. The night following, as is about 1 o'cleck, and robbed of a quantity of wearing appared. The house No. 298 was also entered and a quantity of silver-water was taken. No. 226 was also broken open, but the thieses probability of the property found in one of his pockets by searching Cramp, a slung-shot was found in one of his pockets by ALLEGED TREFT .- Last Wednesday Herbert Cramp

the officer, who thereupon preferred a complaint against him for carrying the deadly weapon. Cramp was held by Justice Bren-nan to answer both complaints, and Williams and Hall were committed for the largeny. Mr. Tillon was sent to the House of Detention, to insure his appearance in Court against the accused.

DIED SUDDENLY .- Mr. John Quinn, living at No.

STABBING CASE ON SHIPBOARD.—Yesterday afternoon John L. Murrey, second mate of the skip Vistoria, got into
a quarrei with one of the hunds employed on board, named
Charles Robbren, when the latter drew a knife and stabbed
Murray in the left side of the neck, inflictions a severe wound.
Robbreco was arrested by Officer Furdett of the Harbor Police,
and on being conveyed before Justice Councily was committed
to anywer. Murray was required to give ball for his appearance
at the trial of the accused. STABBING CASE ON SHIPBOARD. -Yesterday after-

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPERIOR COURT—DRC 9.

George F. Peniston and others agt. Thomas Gilmartin.
This was an action on a charter, for a round voylige, of the pisinitif's vessel, from New York to St. Kitts and Greytown, at which latter place she was to obtain a cargo of cocoants, and therewith to return to New York.

The vessel carried a cargo to St. Kitts, the freight on which was paid to the captain, and the defendant instructed the captain, or reaching Greytown, to invest this money in cocoants for him, in case the defendant instructed the captain, on reaching Greytown, to invest this money in cocoants for him, in case the defendant's agent at that place did not furnish them. When the agent had furnished 30,000 must, them the captain was to pay over to him the outward freight money, but, falling the prior delivery of that number, the agent was not to have the money, and the captain was to lay it out himself in the purchase of suits.

The agent never furnished the nuts, and never got the money, but did it, the defendant contended, for his own account and benefit. The Captain in other matierts acted, as alleged in the defense, in disregard of the defendant's rights, and in a manner the Captain and the defendant from any liability under the charter. It was alleged, besides, tint there had been an agreement between the Captain and the defendant's agent at Greytown, extually to dissolve and abandon the charter, and the Captain had substituted another voyage for the benefit of himself and owners.

The case has been on trial since Wednesday morning, and yesterday the Jury rendered a verific to pisalutiffs in the sum of \$61300.

For pilantiffs, Westervelt & Hall; defendants, Edmund Terry

For plaintiffs, Westervelt & Hall; defendants, Edmand Terry and E. C. Benedict.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE-DEC. 2-

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—DEC. 3.—
Before Commissioner Emporius.

DISCHARGED.

Henry Russel, a seammin, who was charged with the murder of a shipmate named Tocker, on board the brig Queen of the South, while in the Straits of Messins, was examined. The evidence showed that Tocker assumited Russel with a kuffe, and the latter shot him in self defense. The Commissioner discharged him on the ground that the act was justifiable homicides. L. C. Newman for the United States; Chas. Spencer on the accuracy.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-Dec. 9.-Before Recorder Barnard.

John Christopher was convicted of grand larseny, in picking the pocket of Albert W. Berg of a watch, on the 17th of October. He was sentenced for three years and four months

to the State Frien.

William Eddo was charged with stealing \$23 worth of pantalocus from the scowing establishment of Charles Jolly, in
Broadway. He was found sality of petit larceny, and sentenced
to the Penitomitary for four months.

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George Werner was tried for keeping a disorderly house in Thirtieth street. The principal witness against thin was a young woman named Ann Amelia Wood, who also made the original complaint, as stated therein, because she had been turned out of doors without her clothing. The Recorder said an example must be made of such cases, and therefore sentenced Werner to a term of six months in the Penitentiary, and the payment of a fine of \$100.

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a term of six months in the renterment, and approximate fine of \$100.

Jeins Quinn, a Third avening car driver, pleaded mility to assault and battery. The charge against him is that on the lifth of August, while in the neighborhood of Hester street, going upward, he (the driver) got into a difficulty with a company of roughs, who came on board the ear, and during the melee strack a boy named Richard Hargin over the head with a leaded whip, without any prevocation on his part whatever. The boy was insemible for some time, and was taken in charge by the police. Sections deferred and Tuesday.

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Mary Mann pleaded guilty to having stelen two mink capes, worth \$60, from the fur store of Francis A. Steiner, No. 35, Maiden lare. She was sentenced to two years and six months.

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State Prison.

James McCann, a drunken saller, was arraigned for assaulting John Lewis of No. 49 White street. Sentence reserved.

Josephine Hewlett, a nerive of Connectiont, was charged by Mrs. Catharine Gough of No. 25 Sullivan street with having passed upon her a counterfeit bill. The District Attorney moved for her discharge, she having pleaded guilty, on the ground that she promised to reform. Granted.

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A fisherman named John Smith, jointly indisted with Francis Donn, was tried for committing highway robberty on Andrew J. Layton while he was sitting drum's apon a hydrant in the First Ward. Layton alleges that Smith and Duan came up to him about 8 o'clock p. m. on the 3d of October, and that the copulled down his head in the direction of the antipodes while the other took out of his partialous procket a purse containing \$80. Smith says Layten had his purse laying on the ground beside him, and that he simply picked it up and took it along with him. He was senfenced to the State Prison for three years and four menths. Dunn was discharged, as the evidence was not smit. Edward Costello, keeper of a porter-house in Camil street, was arraigned on the charge of receiving stolen goods, having pur-

cient to hold him. Edward Coxicello, keeper of a poster-house in Canal street, was arrained on the charge of receiving stolen goods, having purchased a waich for #27 which was identified as having been stolen from William Fizpatrick of No. 1,6tf Broadway. Coxicello's coursel urgod that he had sustained a good character, and, as soon as he discovered that he watch had been stolen, dolly-ered it to the Property Clerk, and himself became instrumental in catching the burglar who stole il. He was equitted at the instance of the District-Attonsy.

A young unan named Henry Ausples was then brought forward, on the charge of forgety, embeszlement, and grand larsency, committed on his coployers, Hocker Stotlers, floor dealors and bakers fit Cherry street. A. Cakey Hall and Edmand Blankram appeared as coursel for Karples. The case was not concluded when the Court allouwned.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

Extensive Robbert at the Depot,-A young man named Philip Harper, residing in New-York, was arrested at the Railroad Depot, in Jersey City, yesterday, on suspicion of having stolen a value hast Sunday night, which contained five gold watches and a number of railroad bonds, in all valued at \$5,600, the property of Mr. Lander of No. 8 Exchange place, Jersey City-Mr. Lander placed the vallee in the hands of a porter in New-York to deliver at the cars, and upon leaving the boat went into the office, while the porter proceeded with the value to the baggage car. Before starting Mr. L. went to the car to see if his baggage was all right, when he learned that the porter, after delivering it, subsequently returned and carried it away. Mr. Lander believed the prisoner to be the same person, but as he had on a different cap, was no willing to positively identify him, and Harper was accordingly discharged by Recorder Bedford.

Sons of Temperance Anniversalt.-The fifteenth anniversary of Fidelity Division No. 2, Sons o Temperance of Jersey City, is to be held on Monday evening next, at the York-street M. E. Church.

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FRIDAY, Dec. 9-P. M.

There were but few features of interest in the Stock market to-day. It was inactive, but generally firm-a large portion of the transactions being apparently in selling cash stock, and taking it back on buyers options. There was no disposition shown by either faction to act with energy, and the market was in such a condition that any important amount of stock could have been neither bought nor sold without seriously affecting prices. At the Second Board quotations were generally well maintained, but the market exhibited no animation, and closed weak. Central opened at Sei, and improved to 80i, closing at 80i bid. Reading was among the firmest stocks, although the transactions were few. In Pacific Mail there was no important change. Panama was in better demand at a small advance. A sale of Norwich and Worcester was made at 401, which is better. The question of the next dividend on this stock appears to be merely one of time. The funds are already in band, and a portion of the Board desire to divide them in January. Another portion, however, desire that the dividend shall not be made until six months from the time of payment of the last one, The Western shares were, in some cases, a trifle lower than yesterday. Galena fell off 1, and Illinois Central 1. Rock Island was steady. Erie continues to be in speculative demand, and is firm at 94. The Receiver will probably commence the paynent of interest on the Second Mortgage Bonds soon after the 1st January, and the condition of the traffic of the road has revived the faith of the stockholders in the eventual ability of the Company to earn something on its stock, under the new arrangement. The road will, we presume, be soon preliminarily sold out under the Fifth Mortgage. In State Bonds the market was quite heavy in the morning, Missouri 6a selling below 83. At the second Board, however, there was a firmer feeling, and full prices were paid. Neither the Missouri nor Virginia interest money has yet been received here. The following dispatch from Washington bas a bearing upon the interest

"The First Controller of the Treasury has refused The First Controller of the Treasury has reclased to approve the allowance to Missouri of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as a percentage on land sales as ascertained by the General Land Office. This fund was looked to for the means wherewith to pay the interest shortly due on Missouri Bonds."

fund of the former State:

In Railroad Bonds the business was moderate, but prices were well sustained. Eries have an improving tendency. It is believed that the result of the meet ing in London on the 29th Nov. will be a large sub scription to the new scheme of organization The closing prices were: For Virginia 6s, 924 @921; Missouri 6s, 83@831; Canton Co., 17@174; Cumberland Coal Co., 11 213; Pacific Mail, 761 2761; New-York Central Railroad, 802 @80; Erie Railroad, 9] #9]: Hudson River Railroad, 41 #41]; Harlem Railroad, 91492; Harlem Railroad Preferred 3514 36; Reading Railroad, 41 2414; Michigan Central Railroad, 40 a 404; Michigan Southern and Northern Indians Railroad, 7.071; Michigan Southern and Northera Indiara Guaranteed, 17 | 318; Panama Railroad, Illinois Central Railroad, 591 #591; Galena and Chicago Railroad, 684 @684; Cleveland and Toledo Raticond, 204 @ 204; Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, 64, 2 641; Illinois Central 7s, 85 2851.

There is nothing of importance doing in Exchange, at rates are, if anything, working easier. Sterling is 109 2 1094. Francs, 5.17 4 25.15.

Freights to Liverpool, 1,000 bbls. Flour at 2s. 3d.; 10,000 bushels Wheat, supposed at 7d., in bags: 400 bales Cotton at 7-32d, w.id.; 100 tes. Beef at 3s. 9d. * steamer; 600 bales Cotton at 5-16d.; 75 boxes Bacon at 40s.; 500 boxes Cheese at 50s., and 20 firkins Butter at 40s. To London, 100 tcs. Beef, on private terms. To Glasgow F steamer, 100 tes. Beef at Sa.; 100 bales Cotton at 2d., and 8,000 bushels Wheat, on private terme. To Rotterdam, 2,500 bbls. Rosin at 3e. 3d. A vessel of 250 tuns to Cienfuegos and back to New-York at 40c. for Sugar, and \$2 50 for Molasses, on deck. A vessel of 170 tuns from Jacksonville to Porto Rico and back to New-York at 50e, for Sugar, and \$3 50 for Molasses, on deck. A vessel of 100,000 feet capacity from Jacksonville to Nassau at \$10 for Lumber, and back to New-York with Salt at 10c.

The business of the Sub-Treasury was: Receipts, \$232,268 67—for Customs, \$725,000; Payments, \$46,-591 54; Balance, \$5,903,353 40.

Stockholders of the Pacific Mail Company can obtain copies of the proceedings in connection with the recent negotiations with Commodore Vanderbilt, at the office of the Company.

The net receipts of the Harlem Railroad Company for the month of November are as follows:

1950. \$88,221 1659. 95,764 Increase..... \$2,563 24 The earnings of the Milwankee and Mississppi Railroad Company for the month of November are: The November earnings of the Macon and Western

...... \$3,247 41 Increase..... The receipts for the first week in December of the eveland and Toledo Railroad were \$16,203; last ir they were \$15,260. Increase, \$957.

The amount of Coal transported over the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad for the week ending Dec. 3, was as follows:

113,545.08 555,471.18 769,010.06 17,363.08 622,832.09 14,868,04 We annex a comparative statement of the imports of Foreign Dry Goods for the week and since Jan, 1: For the Week. 1857.
Entered at the port. 4721.772
Thrown on market. 440,141
Since Jan. 1. 1859. #457,645 500,134 Entered at the port...... \$9,357,309 \$6,151,120 Thrown on market...... 80,045,665 63,993,534 104,502,703 Manuf. of Pkgs. 159,384 10,204 258,704 Total.....2,193 Ø 477,435 SITEDRAWALA. Manuf. of Pkgs. \$17,460 Misce 6,682 10,382 Total..... 307 \$35,699 Value. Mean/. of Pkgs. \$2,618 Miscolianeous 4 Manuf. of Phys. 4,615 Total..... 35 \$9,610

John McClave has sold three lots on north side of 108th-st., 275 feet east of 5th-av., and three lots on south side of 169th-st., directly in rear of above, being six lots, 20.10 front and rear and half the block in depth, for \$3,500. The lots reported yesterday on Sth-av. and 142d-st, should have read south-east corner instead of south-west corner. Mesers, Raynor & Blackwell have sold seven lots, north side of 119th-st., 113 feet west of Avenne A, at \$550 ₽ lot; also, four lots north side of 11-ith-st., 225 feet west of 1st-av., at \$525 P lot; also, two lots north side of 115th-st., 195 feet east of 1st-av., with gores in the rear, at \$525 \$ lot; also, one lot east side of 8th-av., between 115th and 116th-sts., 16.8 in front, 100 feet in depth, and 48.9 across the rear, for \$1,250. E. H. Ludiow & Co. sold at private sale 4 lots on 5th-av., north-east corner 98thst., and four lots adjoining in the rear, for \$22,500; one lot south-west corner 8th-av. and 117th-st., 25x100.

The business of the Clearing-House was \$19,836,000 On demand the supply of money, at 6 or 7 P cent, is more abundant to-day, and the stock houses easily anyplied their wants. One or two of the large banks were free lenders, being in funds from recent large exchange operations. Paper is without change of importance, but if anything passes more freely, and is in oderate supply at 6 or 7 P cent, according to maturity. The agents here, of the Fort Wayne and Chiengo Road bave no information in regard to the appointment of a Receiver of that Road, excepting such us is conveyes in the dispatch printed this morn Mr. Thompson, the President of the Road has gone West to look after the matter. It will not probably interfere with the carry ing out of his scheme of reorganization, and such a step as the one alluded to was contemplated as a natural consequence of the condition of the Company's finances. Another receivership is announced to-day. Mr. James Robb of New-Orleans and Chas. Congdon of New-York have been appointed Receivers of the Chiengo, Alton, and St. Louis Road, at the suit of the first and second mortgage bondholders. We stated some time since that Mr. Potter, the agent of the Land Grant bondholders of the La Crosse Road had taken preliminary steps to foreclose that mortgage. We now learn from Milwaukee that a bill has been filed in the United States Court for that purpose. The mortgage is for \$4,000,000, but the Com never received, probably, more than \$1,500,000 as the proceeds of the whole issue. The last issue of these bonds, was made at 30, to the contractor for building the Western end of the road. They are a first lien only upon the 100 miles from Portage to La Crosse, which end of the road, we understand, does not pay the cost of operating. The mortgage also covers the lands donated by the State to aid in building this road, but these lands bave never been transferred to the Company, the requirements of the Grant never having been fulfilled. The Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Company propose to make an issue of 10 P cent Preference shares in liquidation of its floating debt, and for other proposes. The Great Western Road of Canada propose to take these shares in payment of the £250,000 advanced by that Company.

The New-Jersey Zine Company has declared a semiannual dividend of 4 P cent on the preferred, and the same rate on the common stock, beside leaving an increase to the surplus on hand.

The Managers of the Rockford and Kenosha Road

The Kenosha and Rockford Road did not originate "The Kenosha and Rockford Road and not originate or desire entering into any such ruinous rivalry as that now existing, and are ready to establish paying rates; but should the Galena Road persist in their vindictive course, the Kenosha and Rockford Road is in good order, free from feating debt, and is able and willing to carry on the competition as long as it will suit the tem-per and the pockets of the stockholders of the Galena Read."

We alluded some days since to a case between Merers. De Launay, Iselin & Clarke and Mr. Edwin Bartiett, which had come before the Board of Brokers As the case has excited a good deal of interest and cussion in the street and at the Clubs, we annex a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Bartlett to the Stock Board, and a reply from Mesars. De Launay, Iselin &

Clarke:

Naw Wax, Nov. 20, 1920.

William H. Natison, 1920.—Dear Sir: On my return to the city a few days ago from the West. I found on my desk a pampiles printed by order of the Board of Brokers, containing the report of a Cammittee, of which you are Chairmen, in resident to a claim made against me by Mesers. De Launay, Iselin & Clarke. In response to the exparte datement of Mesers De Launay, Iselin & Clarke. In response to the exparte datement of Mesers De Launay, Iselin & Clarke. The Board of Firesers and by the intelligent gentlemen of the Board of Firesers and by the community at large.

Mesers. De Launay, Iselin & Clarke make against me a claim which both myself and my friends believe has no formulation either inlaw, equity, or honor, common sense, to any greater extent than I have expressed myself willing to arbinist to it, even if it has thus far. I am not a member of the Board of Brokers I have never received or paid a stock difference. Mesers. De Launay, Iselin & Clarke have declined to furnish information in their pomession material to the merits of demerits of their claim

nay, beling Charte have declined to demerits of their claim possession material to the merits or demerits of their claim against me, and to which I was advised that I was entitled. By Mr. Barlow, of the justiced paraphles you will see that the letters of Mr. Barlow, of the jish and 20th April last, written at my request, asking for information that they were bound to fermise, have it this time remained unawwered. The Scock library has no power to compet the production of evidence. Tak, with nour going any further, was a reason suttley sufficient to justify me faily in declining to go before the Stock Board for its de-

and going any further, was a reason enthesty subicines to justify me faily in decilining to go before the Stock Board for its decision.

At a very late period in the proceedings, for the first time it is intimated that they could not enforce their claim at law, on account of the Stock-Johning act, and this has been alleged as the easure for alandoning their declared intention to bring a smi, in which I should most shally have met them; and if upon a full investigation, it had proved that this claim was a just one, I would promptly have satisfied it. The apprehension that I would have swalled myself of the stock-Jobning act as a defense is one related not only by assurances to the contrary, but which will carrie not only by assurances to the contrary, but which will carrie only a smile of incredeliny among those to whom I have the honor to be known; for without the necessity of taking any credit to myself for those chiraliness sentiments which should debut a most of nonor from shielding himself behind such a defense, such an act on any part would be one of occid amixide.

It is not my purposs here to either into a discussion of the case upon its merits. In the absence of evidence which Mears. De Launay, Iselin & Charke alone can give. I might do them injustice by assuming the facts to be as I have reason to believe that they are. My friends, however, will remember that the stock out of which this claim arose was never tendered to me in any form, and that, notwithestending this fact, and the absence of any lead claim whatever against me. I am ready fully to indemnify Measar. De Launay, Iselin & Charke contenting the amount actually paid by them without the account, but that I am unwilling to allow them, simply by resson of their insolvency, to be transformed into principular in a transection where in reality they are organization, in conclusion, therefore, I have only to say to yourself, and to how who have read they are entilled to a broker's commission, in conclusion, therefore, I have only to say to yourself,

enough and have passed upon the case, which may have a fear-dation in less, but for which we are willing to come before the public on the grounds of "equity himse," or channon sense the public on the grounds of their defense, to recent to su-words as the last, it shows of itself that they have a bad case which leads them to force them selves.

from various portice for account, of circle to the contract of the contract of the operation was a loss of some \$0,000 to \$10000. The result of the operation was a loss of some \$0,000 to \$10000. Theref: Did Mr. Bartlett aver pay that loss to us? No! Fenerale, Did Mr. Bartlett ever tay that loss to asphedy? With the senetity result of heavy on other displayed in his document, we might really believe that he did, but we are not aware of it—so that it will be apparent to use distinct on the parent of that by the course so chivalrously affered by Mr. Bartlett for the refuses to pay the loss incurred for him and would some and conventing make a prefix round caseoust. Mr. Bartlett for the amount of the contract of the debt, to which we amount and offers but a compromise of his debt, to which we have the for the contract of the debt, to which we amount and case of the contract of the debt of the debt of the contract of the debt of the

we purchased, knowing no principal not detected, considerate from us.

Our settlement of the claims arising out of contracts made in behalf of Mr. Bartlett was included in a general settlement of similar claims on contracts made for many, other parties. This settlement was based, not on the individual value of each claim as against our principals, but on an assumed average value of the whole, and for the simple reason that no other form of settlement was practicable or is clienteness; it being but another way of paying to our creditors the full value of our good assets and a popurion to our creditors the full value of our good assets and a popurion to our creditors the full value of our good assets and a popurion to our creditors the full value of our good assets and a popurion of the community of New York, is willfully independent that the mercantilet, who persists in endeavoring to make it appear that we have been acting as his agent in compromising his individual obligaacting us his agent in compromising

dons.

After repeatedly offering to Mr. Burtlett to have the difference of ween na arbitrated by his own friends, we must decline his owinging to seek our reduces in the Courts of Law, where he between its arbitrates in the Course or invitation to seek our redress in the Course or invitation to seek our redress in the Course or invitation that we have no least claim.

DelaUNAY, ISELIN & CLARKE. New-York, Dec. 9, 1859.

The Message of the Governor of Kentucky furnishes a summary statement of the debt of the State, from which we compile the following: #412 00 474,000 00 3,023,000 06 600 000 08 1,391,832 08 Six P cents overdue.

Five P cent bonds.

Six P cent bonds.

Southern bank bonds, interest paid by bank.

Bonds held by Beard of Education. 65 479 244 08

Total..... This debt, so far as the Governor's statement enables us to ascertain is redeemable as follows: ₹7,173,770 . # 5, 479, 244 Total.... The interest payable by the State is as follows:

Annual interest on 6 P cent bonds. \$100 753 44
Annual interest on 5 P cent bonds. 96,668 50 Total interest paid annually......#275,421 94 Semi-annual interest \$137,710 97 The State owns the following property in bank, railroad, and turnpike stocks, &c.: 290,000 00 49,600 00 600,000 00

\$1,079,500 00 Stock in Frankfort & Lexington Railroad Co., Bond on Louisville & Frankfort Railroad Co...... \$2,162,019 50 Balance in Treasury belonging to Sinking Fund, Oct. 10, 1850. 758,283 26

Turnpike stock, river improvements, &c., cost Total.... Of the 758,000 now in the sinking fund, \$150,000 will be applied to the payment of State Bonds falling due on the 1st of January, and of the interest then due. The remainder the Governor recommends to be used

for the purchase of outstanding evidences of the State debt as fast as they can be obtained. Annexed is a statement of the property valuation and revenue of the State for the past fiscal year:

Increase over 1850..... \$28,480,550 Making. \$1,105,143 01 xpenses of the year 1858 1,008,416 43 Balance in Treasury Oct. 10, 1058. 436,726 58
Total receipts for the year 1059. 183,622 27 Balance in the Treasury, Oct. 10, 1959 \$128,463 47

CIDER-HOW TO STOP IT FROM SOURING The following is Prof. Horsford's plan for stopping the fer-mentation of cider at any given point, by which the desired degree of acidity becomes fixed, and the liquid desired degree of acidity b will retain a pleasant flavor-better than cheap wines: When the cider in the barrel is undergoing a lively

fermentation, add as much white sugar as will be equal o half or three-quarters of a pound to each gallon of ider, and let the fermentation proceed until the liquid attains the right taste to suit, then add an eighth to a narter of an cunce of sulphite (not sulphate) of lime to ch gallon of cider in the cask; first mixing the powder n about a quart of the cider, and then pouring it back into the cark, and giving it a thorough shaking or rolling. After standing bunged up a few days, for the matter added to become incorporated with the elder, it may be bottled, or used from the cask.

Don't mistake sulphate of lime, which is a natural reduction, and known as plaster of Paris, for sulphite f lime, which is a manufactured article, and is worth by the barrel about 33 cents a pound, and by the cwt. 371 cents, and by the single pound 50 cents. It has een of late years much used by sugar-makers to prevent fermentation of cane juice; and, in our opinion, it will be found more effective as a preventive of fermentation in eider, than as an arrester of it after it has proceeded nearly to completion.

We have heard of persons being disappointed in its se, but one of the editors of THE TRIBENE used it last year, and was well satisfied with its operation. He put in the sugar in the early part of the fermontation, and he sulphite soon after, and in somewhat larger quantity than above recommended. The sugar-makers add the sulchite as soon as the juice is expressed.

Dr. Ure says the action of sulphur is to obstruct fermentation by absorbing oxygen, and thereby preventing the elimination of yeast particles.

Another Recipe.—The following recipe to prevent

fermentation of cider is well recommended by those who have tried it:
After the elder has fermented a few days in a clean

barrel, put six ounces of ground mustard, tied in a bag, into a barrel, and cork up tight. Some use mustard seed unground. The ald of mustard is said to be a compound of carben, sulphur, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen. The essential oil of mustard absorbs oxygen freely, and vinegar checks its acrimony, and that may account for its effect upon cider, in preventing

the formation of acetic acid in the cider.

The earnings for the week ending December 4 were very large—equal to \$60,000 for the month.

The following are the earnings of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad for the month of November:

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